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SUMMARY OF EXAMINATION OF NIHEI YAMANE.

Occupation: Agricultural overseer.
Address:

duly sworn states; I am 44 years of age, of Japanese nationality and born at Tokushima Ken, Oe-gun, Village of Moriama. My permanent home is Shinboski-gun Hokkaido. I am at present under detention.

In May or June of this year orders came from the Minseibu stating that people, whether they be local civilians or military personnel, who were caught stealing military or civil stores or food supplies, could be shot and killed on the spot. I received these orders, as I was in charge of labours in the Dundas point area, but I never carried them out. I beat some people whom I caught stealing, or about whom I heard of having done so, by the local villagers. I never beat anyone to death or caused anyone to die as a result of beating.

Towards the end of July acting on information given by the villagers, I called BACHAN SINGH to my house and questioned him in connection with the theft of potatoes from the fields. He confessed to having stolen them and I then took him outside, and beat him on the buttocks before the assembled villagers as an example. I beat him about four times with a stick. No one else beat him at that time. BACHAN SINGH died about the end of Sept. from malaria. I went to enquire what had happened to him, and his wife and father told me that it was from malaria that he died. His death was in no way caused by my beating of him at the end of July. I deny all knowledge of having ever beaten AUGHARDIN.

I do not recollect any incident concerning BHAI. I believe he died of malaria about March of this year.

I do recollect having beaten TARA SINGH two or three times with a stick in July 1945 for having stolen cocoanuts. So far as I know, he is still living at Dundas Pt.

I have never beaten NUR MID. He died of malaria or amoebic dysentery in Sept. 1945.

During July and August of 1945 I recollect having beaten a number of people a little, but I cannot remember their names. It was generally on account of their idleness, and sometimes because they stole fruit and vegetables etc.

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I always saw that those who worked well and did their jobs properly received their full pay and rations. [Acting on the instructions of the Minseibu, I did not give any pay or rations to those who were idle and did not come to work in the fields.]

(Signed) x x x x
 (Japanese characters)

(Signed) S.K. GILL, P/O.

Interpreter;

I certify that I duly translated the above summary to the witness in his own language, prior to his signature which appears above.

(Signed) Interpreter.

Rank.

Sworn before me (signature) R.N. CARTFORD, Maj. this 4th day of Jan. 1946.

Detailed to examine the above by the C in C, ALFSEA.

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NIHEI YAMANE

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職 業 農事監督

住 所

正規ニ宣誓ノ上申述ベマス。

私ハ日本ニ國籍ガイッテ徳島縣オエ郡モリヤマ村
FUKUSHIMA KEN OE GUN, VIL-
EG MORIYAMA

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本籍地ハ北海道
SHIRANE SKI-GUN HOKKAIDO
道シネベスキ郡ニ在リマス。

私ハ現在拘留サレテ居リマス。

今年ノ五、六月頃、民生部カラ次ノヤウナ命令ガ
参リマシタ。

即チ一地方民タルト或ハ軍部ノ者タルトラ問ヘズ、
軍部又ハ民間ノ貯蔵品若ハ食糧ヲ窃取シテ捕ヘラ
レタ者ハ即座ニ銃殺シ得ベシト。

私ハ旭川地区
UENO AREA
旭川地区ニ在リマス。斯ノ命令ヲ受理致シマシタガ併シ
是等ノ命令ヲ實行シムコトハアリマセンデシタ。

私ハ窃盜ノ現場デ私ガ捕ヘタリ、或ハ其ノ窃盜ヲ
地方ノ村落民カラ聞込シタリシタ若干名ノ者ヲ毆
打シマシタ。

民生部ノ指令ニ依ッテ行動シテ、私ハ、怠ケテ畑
ヘ作業ニ來ナカツタ者ニハ給料モ糧食モ與ヘマセ
ンデシタ。